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The following advisory is not necessarily for broadcast.
This is just a reminder that the address for the Newsline Support
Fund is Newsline, in care of Andy Jarema - N6TCQ, Post Office Box
660937, Arcadia, California 91066. Again, and as always, we thank
you. This ends the closed circuit with Newsline report number 907
for release on Friday, December 30, 1994 to follow.

The following is a QST

A communications industry group says it's time for the FCC to show local governments who's the boss on radio matters. The EAA wants federal regulation to stop any and all local radio frequency interference rules. Also, a new Russian ham satellite is in orbit and operation from Palestine may not count for DXCC. These stories and more on Newsline report number 907 coming your way right now!

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LOBBY GROUP PROPOSES FEDERAL BAN ON LOCAL RFI LAWS

If a Washington-based communications trade association gets its way, state and local regulation of radio frequency energy matters will be a thing of the past. Instead, jurisdiction on any issue involving RF should rest with the FCC. That's what the Electromagnetic Energy Association says must happen if new technologies are to be developed. As Newsline's David Black, KB4KCH, reports from our Southeast Bureau in Alabama, what the Association wants could have a major impact on amateur radio.

This could be the start of sweeping new rules that take away power by local governments to regulate radio frequency issues. The Electromagnetic Energy Association is made up of some of America's leading communications and telecommunications companies. The EEA says existing technologies are on a collision course with increasing state and local RF energy regulation. Amateur radio operators will be watching this one with interest.

Don Stoner, W6TNS, is past president of the National Amateur Radio Association. He says what the Energy Association wants could give hams new ammunition when fighting locally imposed operating restrictions. Stoner says he's backing the Energy Association 100-percent.

Without FCC preemption, the association says technologies including advanced television, digital audio broadcasting, and personal communications services cannot be fully realized. In a December 22nd petition, the Association asks the FCC to issue a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the matter. EEA Chairman Jesse Russell calls FCC preemption of state and local regulation of RF energy something whose time has come.

The EEA says FCC preemption is warranted whenever local laws obstruct the intended social, technological or economic benefits of continued service or future advancements in communications.

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RS-15 IN ORBIT

The new Russian Radiosport 15 satellite is in orbit and on the air. According to information supplied by Leonid Labutin, UA3CR, RS-15 was launched on December 26th at 03:00 UTC into a 64 degree inclination orbit with a period of 124 minutes 24 seconds. The apogee and perigee distance from earth were stated as 1946 and 1809 kilometers respectively.

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DX - PALESTINE ZC6B UPDATE

Don't look for the December 11th, ZC6B operation to be counted for DXCC credit. This is because the call sign has not been valid since July of 1968. That's when the ZC6 prefix was deleted from the DXCC countries list. While the operator who is identified as Dr. Sammi Tarazi has reportedly sent the paperwork for this operation to the ARRL under the current DXCC rules it is unlikely that DXCC credit for Palestine using the ZC6 prefix can be reinstated. This is because the allocation list of international call signs shows that the prefix ZC6 is legally allocated to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Even if no DXCC credit is granted the QSL card from that operation is truly a collectors item. If you were lucky enough to contact ZC6B, QSL to Dr. Sami Tarazi, Box 1008, Gaza, Palestine via Israel.

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NEO NAZI PACKET

A South American Neo-Nazi ham radio group is spewing message of hate out onto the worldwide packet radio airwaves. Amateur radio operators throughout north America are outraged by a message originated under the call sign PP5SH that endorse the so called "Skin Head" movement and other fascist doctrine.

The pro-Nazi posting was transmitted into the worldwide packet network through the PY2GN Sat Gateway in Brazil. It herald the return of fascism to rule the world.

While many SysOps tried to kill the pro-Nazi posting as soon as it appeared, the sheer volume and duplicity of routing is making censorship of this messages an almost impossible task.

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ORACLE TO NZART: READ OUR LIPS!

ORACLE, New Zealand' Organization Requesting Alternatives through Code Less Examinations has told that nations national Amateur Radio society that it plans to continue its lobbying efforts to overturn mandatory Morse Code testing. The lobby group has also issued a policy paper that takes to task the position of

the New Zealand's Amateur Radio Transmitters. As reported last week, the NZART endorses continuing the status quo.

Specifically, ORACLE says that the NZART statement does not accurately reflect the actual position of Morse code policy in New Zealand. Rather it reflects a conservative view of the national ham radio society.

With regard to the Minister of Communications letter to NZART also reported on by Newsline, ORACLE Managers say that the response says that the ministry is open to further discussion on this matter. They note that the Minister is legally the Government spokesperson for amateur radio. ORACLE interprets his words as meaning it would be unwise to adopt the three very specific positions recently proposed by the NZART.

ORACLE notes that the letter shows that the New Zealand Government has a more progressive view of amateur radio than appears to be the case for NZART or the IARU on Morse code policy. It believes that there can be a change at such time as evidence of significant opinion is produced.

Finally, ORACLE says that it is recognized by the New Zealand Government on this issue. It guarantees it will be active in producing evidence in support of abolishing Morse Code testing worldwide.

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2400-MHz COMMENTS FILED BY ARRL

The ARRL has filed comments on an FCC notice of proposed rule making, in ET Docket 94-32, a proposal to reallocate a block of spectrum from federal government to commercial use. Some of that block includes parts of the 2400-MHz band shared by Amateur Radio on a secondary basis with the government.

The ARRL asked that the Amateur Service be given primary allocation status at 2402 to 2417 MHz, and that it be given at least co-primary status at 2390 to 2400 MHz.

The League also said that because a previous government study had recommended the 2400 to 2402 MHz segment for amateur use, it would be desirable to make the entire segment 2390 to 2450 MHz amateur primary.

The ARRL notes that any fixed or mobile service station that is granted an assignment at 2390 to 2400 MHz, must be required to protect the Amateur Service from interference and must tolerate any interference received from amateur stations.

In summation, the League requested that the FCC not make any additional allocations in the 2390 to 2417 MHz band. Rather it wants to have Amateur Radio made the primary allocation status in that band.

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HAM SCOUTING NEWS

Dates have been set for the 1995 Jamboree On The Air operating event. JOTA is an annual event in which Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of Amateur Radio. JOTA 1995 will take place Saturday October 21, 1995 at 00:01 hours local time to Sunday October 22 at 23:59 hours local time. For more information, contact the ARRL Educational Activities Department.

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K6IR HONORED

The Quarter Century Wireless Association, the QCWA has named Kenneth Miller, K6IR, of Rockville, Maryland as recipient of its Distinguished Service Award for his "engineering accomplishments and his leadership of the Radio Club of America Scholarship Program."

Millers professional career spans over four decades in the executive management and development of products in the electronic equipment manufacturing business segment of industry in the United States, Europe and Asia. In his role as an executive with Lear Jet, Motorola, American Standard, the Singer Company and other well known corporations, K6IR participated in the production and marketing of a broad array of high-tech electronic products including airborne and ground based communications, navigation instrumentation and digital communications devices.

The award was presented to Miller at the recent QCWA National Convention in El Paso, Texas.

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NEW 2 METER TROPPO RECORD

In DX, new tropospheric ducting, continental distance record has been reported on the 2 meter band. This, on November 5th when Rene Shaw, WB4MJE, of Big Pine Key, Florida, and Serge Spilfogel VE1KG, of Halifax, Nova Scotia worked over a 1687 mile path. The previous record was 1468 miles was set by K5WXZ and K1RJH. It had stood since October of 1968.

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DXCC LIST

Also a reminder from the American Radio relay League that the annual DXCC list will not appear in QST magazine. Rather, look for it in the 1995 DXCC yearbook due out in February. Anyone who made a DXCC submission during the past twelve months will automatically receive a copy.

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CABLE PIRACY SENTENCE

The National Cable Television Association's anti-piracy division is praising an Arkansas judge's decision requiring a man convicted of cable copyright theft to pay a record \$2.7 million in restitution.

Jan Gregory Manzer, who went by the alias V.C. Hacker, was fined the \$2.7 million and sentenced to 46 months in jail in U.S. District Court in Hot Springs, Arkansas after being convicted of illegally modifying General Instruments VideoCipher descramblers. He was also found guilty of constructing satellite receivers with software that allowed other dealers to receive unscrambled signals.

Jim Allen, who heads up the NCTA's office of cable signal theft says that operations like Manzer cost the cable and satellite industry billions of dollars a year in stolen programming services. The message of this court decision is that cable piracy leads to jail time."

At the Manzer sentencing hearing, representatives of HBO and Cable Home Communications Corp. testified that Manzer's actions cost the industry millions in lost revenue.

Manzer is expected to appeal.

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